

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Announces:**

**Eighth Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico
Watershed Nutrient Task Force
February 7 - 8, 2002
St. Louis, Missouri**

Meeting Location	Radisson Hotel & Suites Downtown 200 North Fourth Street St. Louis, MO 63102 Phone: (314) 621 - 8200 (Toll free: 1-800-925-1395) Fax: (314) 621 - 0756 Website: http://www.radisson.com/stlouismo
Pre-Registration	Attendance for this meeting is free of charge; however, you must pre-register. Please complete the attached form and mail it to EPA's contractor at the following address: Ansu John, Tetra Tech, Inc., 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 340, Fairfax, VA 22030 or fax it to (703) 385-6007. Registrations must be received no later than January 23, 2002.
Meeting Specifics	The Task Force will hold a public meeting on February 7-8, 2002, in the Conference Center at the Radisson Hotel & Suites Downtown. The meeting will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on February 7 and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on February 8.
Hotel Reservations	Attendees are responsible for making their own travel and hotel arrangements. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Radisson Hotel. Rooms are \$90/night for single rooms and \$100/night for double rooms, plus 14.87% sales tax. (Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is 12:00 p.m.) When making room reservations, use the group name "EPA Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Meeting." The cut-off date for the reserved block of rooms is January 30, 2002. All reservations must be accompanied by a first-night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.
Transportation/ Directions	From Lambert International Airport, St. Louis: (15 miles to hotel, 20 minutes driving time) Take I-70 East, toward St. Louis. Take the Memorial Drive Exit (Exit 250B) toward Downtown/Pine Street. Continue straight to go onto N. Memorial Drive. Turn right on Pine Street, and then make another right onto North Fourth Street. Metro Link: From the airport, take Metro Link heading east. Exit at the stop on 8 th and Pine. Walk four blocks to the corner of 4 th and Pine where the hotel is located. The fare is \$3.00 and the travel time is 40-45 minutes. Trans Express: You can ride a privately run shuttle service between Lambert International Airport and the Radisson Hotel. The Trans Express counter is located in the baggage claim area of the airport. A round-trip fare is \$22.00. The travel time ranges from 25 to 40 minutes.
Hotel Amenities	Each sleeping room features room service, radio alarm clock, coffee maker, iron and ironing board, hair dryer, remote-control television with in-room movies, data port, phone with voice mail, and complimentary <i>USA Today</i> . Rooms for persons with special needs are available upon request. Services also include guest laundry, valet service, express checkout and complimentary passes to the nearby YMCA in lieu of an on-site exercise facility.
For More Information on meeting content:	Contact Dr. Mary Belefski, EPA Headquarters, at (202) 260-7061; E-mail: belefski.mary@epa.gov
on logistics:	Contact Ansu John, Tetra Tech, Inc. at (703) 385-6000, ext.138; E-mail: ansu.john@email.tetrattech-ffx.com

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Pre-registration Form

This form may be photocopied.
(Please type or print clearly.)

Name: _____

Title: _____

**Company/
Organization:** _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Mail, fax, or e-mail the completed form to EPA's contractor:

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Meeting Objectives:

1. Veteran Task Force members and public meet new Task Force members
2. Familiarize new Task Force members with Action Plan
3. Provide opportunity for discussion of implementation of the Action Plan with the Ohio River Valley Sanitation Committee (ORSANCO) and the public
4. Discuss next steps, set future meeting schedule

February 7, 2002

10:00-12:00	Joint session of Task Force and Executive Committee of ORSANCO (Optional) Working session for Coordination Committee
12:00-1:30	LUNCH
1:30-2:00	Registration for Public Meeting
2:00-2:45	Welcome and Introductions - Stephen Mahfood, Missouri Department of Natural Resources
2:45-3:00	Review Agenda
3:00-4:30	Background on Development of Action Plan, Summary of Goals, Implementation Activities in Action Plan; Task Force Discussion
4:30-5:30	Public/Task Force Dialogue on Implementation with Attendees
6:00-8:00	Optional Planned Activity - Casual Dress

February 8, 2002

8:00- 9:00	Innovative Approaches to Nutrients <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Wetlands Initiative: Nitrogen Farming• The Nature Conservancy: Fish Creek Project• Louisiana's Point Source Initiative• Iowa's CREP Denitrification Wetlands
9:00-10:15	Discussion of Relevant State/Tribal Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Task Force Members• Tribal Task Force Members• Other States/Tribes in Attendance
10:15-10:45	BREAK
10:45-12:00	Discussion of relevant Federal Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research/Monitoring Strategy - NOAA, USGS• Farm Bill Activities - USDA• Watershed Activities - EPA• Louisiana Wetlands Restoration/Corps of Engineers Activities - COE, LA
12:00-1:00	LUNCH
1:00 - 2:30	Task Force Dialogue with Members of Public in Attendance
2:30- 3:30	Task Force Discussion/Summary of Actions/Establishment of Next Meeting Date
3:30	ADJOURN